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# W. Germany appeals to Soviets to end Sakharov's exile

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LONDON — The West German government has called on the Soviet Union to end the internal exile of Andrei Sakharov, who celebrated his 65th birthday yesterday — alone and shuffling around his two-room Gorky apartment.

The Bonn government appealed to the entire Soviet leadership to allow Mr. Sakharov to live in dignity and health in surroundings of his own choosing.

Mr. Sakharov, exiled for the last six years to the city of Gorky, has had many occasions in recent weeks to

remember the private letters he wrote to the Soviet government in the 1950s warning of the dangers of irresponsible development of nuclear power.

Dr. Yelena Bonner, 62, his wife, leaves the United States on Saturday after more than five months in America recovering from a heart bypass operation.

She has dismissed all suggestions that Mr. Sakharov may become the subject of a spy swap as Soviet-inspired disinformation.

[United Press International relayed from West Germany yesterday a report in the newspaper Bild that five nations are negotiating an East-

West exchange of jailed spies and the United States is pressing the Soviet Union to release Mr. Sakharov as part of the deal.

[The report said the swap is being negotiated among the United States, the Soviet Union, East Germany, West Germany and South Africa, and that the United States is pressing the Soviet Union to at least release Mr. Sakharov from internal exile in Gorky if it will not allow him to leave the country.]

It was easier yesterday for the submarines they build in the closed city of Gorky, 550 miles from the sea, to reach salt water than it was for Mr. Sakharov to travel one foot

outside the city's limits.

They float the submarines down the Volga to the Black Sea on a 1,000-mile journey. The armaments industry of Gorky is why the city is closed to foreigners and non-residents.

It also is the reason why Gorky was an ideal city in which to banish the Nobel Prize-winning physicist six years ago.

Mr. Sakharov spent his birthday pattering about the two-room apartment he and his wife shared in Gorky.

At an emotional concert tribute to herself and Mr. Sakharov at Town Hall, in New York's central theater

district, Dr. Bonner took the podium Tuesday night to appeal to the world to help her exiled husband.

An audience of more than 500 rose to applaud Dr. Bonner as she declared, "Andrei Sakharov is a spiritual leader of our time. I don't know anyone who is more trusted than he. But he needs help and defense."

Dr. Bonner, who was allowed to leave the Soviet Union for medical treatment on condition that she not speak on politics in public, has taken calculated risks in recent weeks by contributing a series of articles to The Washington Post.